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INFORMATIONAL LETTER 725

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TO: Intermediate Care Facility, Community Mental Health Centers, Residential Care Facility, ICF MR State, Community Based ICF/MR and Home and Community Based Service (including individual CDAC) providers

FROM: The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Money Follows the Person

DHS received a grant through the Deficit Reduction Act-Money Follows the Person (MFP) entitled "Partnership for Community Integration". The grant is to assist residents of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Mental Retardation (ICFs/MR) to move into a community setting of their choice. MFP funds are targeted to assist approximately 528 residents of ICFs/MR across the state by September 30, 2011.

The grant provides enhanced funding for services intended to support a successful transition and to help support participants in community living. The assistance of a transition specialist in coordinating transition planning, implementation, and follow-up in securing essential services are included in this project. Individuals in MFP will be able to access the current services available in the HCBS mental retardation waiver and will be eligible to receive the enhanced grant services for 365 days. (Please see the attached chart of services that will be available for MFP participants.)

For qualified providers currently enrolled to provide Mental Retardation and Brain Injury services, enrollment to provide MFP services is not necessary. If a MFP participant selects your agency and your agency agrees to provide services, the assigned transition specialist will coordinate that agreement. Reimbursement will be available for providers that participate in transition planning and preparation while the MFP participant is receiving facility services

There are four new services that will be available for the first time under the MFP grant (Crisis Intervention, Behavior Programming, Mental Health Outreach and Nursing Delegation). Providers will need to enroll to provide these new services. See Informational Letter 741 for more information about these services. If you are not currently a Medicaid qualified enrolled provider, enrollment will be necessary. Please direct enrollment questions to IME Provider Services at (515)-725-1004, or 800-338-7909, and select option two for enrollment, or via email IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us.

For more information on Iowa's MFP grant, please see the following website: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/LTC/MFP/index.html>. Please direct questions regarding MFP services to Debbie Johnson, 515-725-1012 or via email djohnso@dhs.state.ia.us; or Brooke Lovelace at 515-725-1154 or via email blovela@dhs.state.ia.us.